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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>BOX PATENT APPLICATION</b>
Savine BOCKEL-MACAL et al	)	
Application No.: Not Assigned	)	Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
Filed: January 16, 2001	)	Examiner: Not Assigned
For: PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF	)	
REACTIVE GAS MIXTURES	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Kindly replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the attached Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, please delete in its entirety and replace with:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

*1.* **Field of the Invention:**